

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

Section:
TABLE OF STANDARDS

TANF CASH ASSISTANCE

Subject:
Monthly Income Standards

Supersedes: TANF 001 (10/1/05)

References: ARM 37.78.102 and .420; House Bill 2, 2007 Legislature

GENERAL RULE-- The tables of standards contain the income and benefit payment (grant) limits based on the number of persons in the assistance unit. Income and benefit standard changes affect all ongoing cases and applications for October benefits.

These standards set the financial eligibility income requirement for the filing/assistance unit as a whole. There are four sets of income standards each addressing unit size. These standards are based on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and are:

1. the gross monthly income standard, based on the **2002** FPL
2. the net monthly income standard, based on the **2002** FPL
3. the benefit standard, based on the **2002** FPL
and
4. the payment standard, based on the **2007** FPL

NOTE: From the implementation of the payment standard, in October 2005, through June 30, 2007, the payment standard was based on 33% of the 2005 FPL.

For each benefit month, the total countable income of the filing/assistance unit is first tested against the gross monthly income (GMI) standard; then, (after specified disregards) against the benefit standard. These standards are programmed in TEAMS and do not have to be entered by the worker.

NOTE: The net monthly income standard is no longer used in the determination of eligibility but the standard is used in other areas (i.e., the deeming process) so the table will remain in the manual.

Collectively, the filing/assistance unit must pass both income tests as one of the financial eligibility requirements. There is no change in this process.

If the net countable income is equal to or greater than the Benefit Standard, the household is ineligible. If the net countable income is less than the Benefit Standard, and the unit is otherwise eligible (passes the resource test and all nonfinancial eligibility requirements), the benefit

amount is determined by subtracting the unit's net countable income from the payment standard.

**FILING/
ASSISTANCE
UNIT SIZE**

The filing/assistance unit size is the number of adults and/or children required to be included in determining eligibility. For example, if the required members are a mother and her two children, the unit size is three (3); if the unit members are a mother, a father, and their three children, the unit size is five (5).

Once the required unit members are entered to TEAMS with the appropriate Participation Code (Section 300), TEAMS counts the 'IN' participants and uses the correct household size for income standards.

**TEAMS
PROCESSING**

TEAMS tests the income of each unit against the standards for a unit of its size and circumstances. Refer to TANF 602-1 for budgeting procedure.

GROSS MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS TO BE USED
(30% of FY 2002 Federal Poverty Level)

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>GMI Per Month</u>
1	\$ 522
2	703
3	884
4	1,066
5	1,249
6	1,430
7	1,611
8	1,793
9	1,974
10	2,155
11	2,337
12	2,518
13	2,699
14	2,880
15	3,062
16	3,245
17	3,426
18	3,608
19	3,789
20	3,970

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS TO BE USED
(30% of FY 2002 Federal Poverty Level)

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>NMI Per Month</u>
1	\$ 282
2	380
3	478
4	576
5	675
6	773
7	871
8	969
9	1,067
10	1,165
11	1,263
12	1,361
13	1,459
14	1,557
15	1,655
16	1,754
17	1,852
18	1,950
19	2,048
20	2,146

BENEFIT STANDARDS TO BE USED
(30% of FY 2002 Federal Poverty Level)

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Benefit Standard Per Month</u>
1	\$ 221
2	298
3	375
4	452
5	530
6	607
7	684
8	761
9	838
10	915
11	991
12	1,068
13	1,145
14	1,222
15	1,299
16	1,377
17	1,454
18	1,531
19	1,608
20	1,685

**PAYMENT STANDARDS TO BE USED****(Effective 7/1/07 set at 33% of the FY 2007 Federal Poverty Level)**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Payment Standard Per Month</u>
1	\$ 281
2	376
3	472
4	568
5	664
6	759
7	855
8	951
9	1046
10	1142
11	1238
12	1333
13	1429
14	1525
15	1621
16	1716
17	1812
18	1908
19	2003
20	2099

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